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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am a former member of the Mason County Commission in the State of Washington. I write in support of LightSquared's efforts to launch a nationwide 4G-LTE broadband wireless network. This network represents a rare opportunity to increase the amount of spectrum assigned to broadband wireless, a crucial goal of our National Broadband Plan.

Enhanced broadband technology presents many opportunities for our citizens, our schools and the business community as well. Broadband will provide a new tool we can use to develop and serve our community.

LightSquared's integrated satellite-terrestrial network will greatly increase access to wireless broadband for the 26 million Americans who lack it, particularly in rural areas. The company is a long-standing satellite communications provider to the public safety and homeland security community, and the new network's ability to reach remote areas and provide seamless secure connectivity will be of great benefit to first responders, healthcare workers and emergency response personnel.

As a wholesale provider, LightSquared will allow smaller wireless providers to offer world-class service and also enable many new competitors to enter the wireless market. Competition brings innovation, greater customer choice and lower prices. LightSquared's network also will bring much-needed investment in the U.S. economy, creating 15,000 jobs a year during its build out.

The GPS community has had eight years to prepare for this day. The American people should not need to wait further – and certainly not indefinitely – to accommodate the GPS industry's procrastination.

Sincerely,



Ross Gallagher
Former member of the Mason County Commission